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INFO AMEMBASSY ATHENS

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TAGS: ECON, GR

SUBJECT: FOCUS ON ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

1. THESSALONIKI WEEKEND PRESS DOMINATED BY INCREASE
IN FOOD PRICES, POSSIBLE RAISES IN OIL, GAS AND
ELECTRICITY COSTS, AND REPORTED WORKER PROTESTS IN ATHENS.
ONLY LOCAL COMMENT CONTAINED IN LEAD EDITORIAL BY
CHIEF EDITOR ELIAS KYROU IN "ELLINIKOS VORRAS" OF
NOVEMBER 4, IN WHICH HE URGES SELF-SACRIFICE AND
SPECULATES THAT PRESENT ECONOMIC MEASURES MAY BE TOO
LATE. KYROU, AS IN PAST, EXTREMELY CRITICAL OF PREVIOUS
ECONOMIC POLICY WHICH HE DISMISSES AS MERELY TO "PLEASE
PM". FRONT PAGE CARTOONS, IN "MAKEDONIA" DEPICT ELONGATED
PM MARKEZINIS AS COST OF LIVING INDEX AND EMPTY-POCKETED
GREEK VIEWING COSTLY FOOD IN WINDOW DISPLAY.

2. COMMENT: WHILE REPORTING ON ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND
COST OF LIVING BASED LARGELY ON ATHENS PRESS, ISSUE
DOMINATES MEDIA HERE AND IS OF MAJOR LOCAL CONCERN.
LONG LINES OF SHOPPERS WERE EVIDENT AT MANY
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LOCATIONS HERE OVER WEEKEND FOR FUEL OIL AND SOME FOOD-

STUFFS.
JACKSON

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